REMARKS

The Applicant has reviewed the Official Action mailed by the Office on 24 March 2005 (hereinafter, the "Action"), and submits this paper as a fully-responsive reply thereto.

Claims 1-6, 23-28, and 36-41 remain pending in this application, and stand rejected under § 102(b) as stated in Paragraph 8 of the Action. In view of the above claim revisions and the following remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 rejections of claims 1-6, 23-28, and 36-41.

§ 102 Rejections of Claims 1-6, 23-28, and 36-41

Paragraph 8 of the Action stated a rejection of claims 1-6, 23-28, and 36-41 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by Walkowski (10 Minute Guide to WordPerfect 5.1 for Windows, published in 1992) (hereinafter, "Walkowski"). The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Turning first to independent claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify further aspects of the selection services component. For convenience, the Applicant reproduces claim 1 as amended above, with redlines included:

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1.   (Currently Amended)   In an extensible electronic document editor, a selection services component comprising a selection services interface that provides one or more methods to enable an editor extension to override a selection function provided by the electronic document editor and provide a customized model for the selection function, and to clear, add or remove a segment from a selection object using the customized model for the selection function.

The Applicant submits that the above revisions are fully supported by the specification under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, at least by page 13, lines 1-13. While Walkowski may reference various aspects of the WordPerfect® word processor, the Applicant submits that Walkowski fails to disclose a selection services interface that enables an editor extension to override a selection function provided by the electronic document editor, and that provides a customized selection model for the selection function. More particularly, while page 30 of Walkowski may reference selecting text blocks, the Applicant submits that Walkowski does not disclose overriding any "select" function provided by the WordPerfect® word processor in favor of a customized selection model.

On at least the foregoing basis, the Applicant submits that Walkowski does not support a § 102 rejection of claim 1 as reproduced above. The Applicant thus requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 rejections of claim 1 and all claims depending therefrom.

In addition to the revisions and comments addressing claim 1 above, the Applicant has also revised dependent claim 3 to clarify further aspects of the

selection services component. For convenience, the Applicant reproduces claim 3 as amended above, with redlines included:

> 3. (Currently Amended) The selection services component as recited in claim 1, wherein the selection services interface is adapted to enable the extensible electronic document editor to interact with the customized selection model without exposing details of the editor extension one of the methods provided further comprises a method that retrieves an interface for a current editable selection which enables the editor to process certain selection events.

The Applicant submits that the above revisions are fully supported by the specification under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, at least by page 27, lines 19-23. In addition to the comments made above regarding Walkowski as applied to claim 1, the Applicant submits that Walkowski also does not disclose a selection services interface that is adapted to enable an extensible electronic document editor to interact with a customized selection model without exposing details of the editor extension, as recited in claim 3. On at least the foregoing basis, the Applicant submits that Walkowski does not support a § 102 rejection of claim 3 as reproduced above, and the Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 rejection of claim 3.

Turning to **independent claim 23**, the Applicant has revised it to clarify features similar to those discussed above in connection with claim 1. Thus, the Applicant's comments directed above to claim 1 regarding Walkowski apply equally to claim 23 and all claims depending therefrom. On at least the foregoing

basis, the Applicant submits that Walkowski does not support a § 102 rejection of claim 23, and the Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 rejections of claim 23 and all claims depending therefrom.

Turning to dependent claim 25, in addition to the comments above regarding claim 23, the Applicant has revised claim 25 to clarify features similar to those discussed above in connection with claim 3. Thus, the Applicant's comments directed above to claim 3 regarding Walkowski apply equally to claim 25. On at least the foregoing basis, the Applicant submits that Walkowski does not support a § 102 rejection of claim 25, and the Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 rejection of claim 25.

Turning to independent claim 36, the Applicant has revised it to clarify features similar to those discussed above in connection with claims 1 and 23. Thus, the Applicant's comments directed above to claim 1 regarding Walkowski apply equally to claim 36 and all claims depending therefrom. On at least the foregoing basis, the Applicant submits that Walkowski does not support a § 102 rejection of claim 36, and the Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 rejections of claim 36 and all claims depending therefrom.

Turning to dependent claim 38, in addition to the comments above regarding claim 36, the Applicant has revised claim 38 to clarify features similar to those discussed above in connection with claims 3 and 25. Thus, the Applicant's comments directed above to claim 3 regarding Walkowski apply

equally to claim 38. On at least the foregoing basis, the Applicant submits that Walkowski does not support a § 102 rejection of claim 38, and the Applicant thus requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102 rejection of claim 38.

Conclusion

In light of the above revisions and comments, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of rejected claims 1-6, 23-28, and 36-41. If discussion of this case would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to arrange a telephone interview.

Respectfully Submitted,
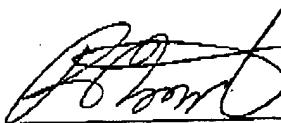
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